

A press release from the Citizens Against Government Waste:

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) recently honored Indiana Rep. Mike Pence (R) as a Taxpayer Super Hero in Congress for scoring 100 percent on its *2009 Congressional Ratings*

The average for the entire House was 31 percent, and the average for the Senate was 39 percent; this makes Rep. Pence’s achievement that much more impressive.

Since 1989, CCAGW has tracked roll call votes to separate the taxpayer advocates in Congress from those who favor wasteful programs and pork-barrel spending. The *2009 Congressional Ratings* cover the voting year 2009, the first session of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

CCAGW rated 120 key votes in the House and 74 in the Senate.

“The perfect score for Rep. Pence demonstrates his unparalleled commitment to cutting wasteful spending, reducing the tax burden, and making government more accountable to taxpayers,” said CCAGW President Tom Schatz. “The rating is even more impressive given the record number of votes rated by CCAGW and the record number of representatives who could not vote even once to cut wasteful spending or taxes. While far too many members of Congress on both sides of the Capitol demonstrated little regard for the consequences of failing to reduce the record \$1.4 trillion deficit and \$13 trillion debt, Rep. Pence’s votes give taxpayers hope for the future.”

CCAGW’s website, [www.ccagwratings.org](http://www.ccagwratings.org), features the complete *2009 Congressional Ratings*, including vote descriptions, scorecards for the House and Senate, and averages by chamber, party, and state delegation.

In the House, there were a total of seven “Taxpayer Super Heroes,” including Rep. Pence, with a grade of 100 percent.

